Revival of National Integration Council

4510. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to revive the National Integration Council;

(b) whether the National Integration Council has been re-constituted;

(c) if so, the composition thereof; and

(d) what are the roles envisaged for States in implementation of national integration programmes conducted by the NIC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Integration Council (NIC) was last re-constituted by way of Press Note dated 2.2.2005. The reconstituted NIC, headed by the Prime Minister, has 140 Members comprising of Union Ministers, Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories which have legislatures, Leaders of National Political Parties and Regional Political Parties, Chairpersons of National Commissions, Media Persons, Eminent Public Figures and Representatives drawn from Business, Labour & Women.

(d) The suggestions made by the NIC relating to the State Governments are referred to them for taking suitable action.

Vacancy/sanctioned posts in CRPF

4511. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the cadre-wise number of sanctioned posts of the CRPF as on 31st March, 2007, and the actual number thereof, cadre-wise on the same date;

(b) the reasons for vacancies in case the gap between sanctioned posts and the existing posts exceeds five per cent; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that full strength of the Force is in place, so that the security of the VIPs being looked after by the Force is not adversely affected?